



Cymraeg / Welsh

Subject Leader: Mrs H Sansom
Examination Board: WJEC
Essential GCSEs: Welsh at grade B or above.

Overview of course content

A Level Welsh encourages learners to develop the language and grammar skills that they obtained at GCSE level, whilst becoming more fluent and confident in using the Welsh language in daily life. Learners will have the opportunity to create a coursework portfolio on a topic that they feel passionate about and develop their Welsh language skills by studying poetry, short stories, a film, a play, the skill of translocation and learning the history of how the Welsh language has developed in society.

Entry Requirements

Typically, learners studying A Level Welsh will have obtained a GCSE in Welsh at a grade B or higher.

What will I study?

In the two year course, learners will study a Welsh film and Welsh play and use these areas as a focus for the two speaking exams. Learners will need to discuss the characters, themes and techniques used within the stimuli with a partner/ or in a group of 3. Learners will also create a coursework portfolio of three extended writing pieces (of around 2,000 words in total) on a topic of their choice related to Wales. The course will also develop learners' grammar and literature skills by discussing the content and techniques of poems and short stories, which will then be tested in 3 exams in total over the two years.

How will I be assessed?

Year 12		% of overall qualification	Type of assessment
Unit 1	Speaking Exam based on the film 'Patagonia'	15%	External
Unit 2	Coursework (x3 written pieces of varying styles) based on a topic of the learners choice that relates to Wales.	10%	Internal
Unit 3	Written Exam: (Use of Language and Poetry)	15%	External

Year 13		% of overall qualification	Type of assessment
Unit 1	Speaking Exam based on the Welsh language play 'Crash'.	25%	External
Unit 2	Written Exam: (Welsh in society and Translocation skills)	15%	External
Unit 3	Written Exam: (Use of Language and Short Stories)	20%	External

Career Progression & Opportunities

There are currently 582,000 Welsh speakers in Wales and that number is growing with the Welsh language fast becoming a business language in Wales. This means that many businesses and services must be able to provide bilingual services, and as a result of this many businesses are requiring minimum expectations with regards to their employees' ability to communicate in Welsh. These businesses include banks and roles within the public service such as Transport for Wales, working council offices and many roles within schools. The Welsh Government is aiming for 1 million Welsh speakers in Wales by 2050, therefore having the ability to communicate in Welsh to a high level will result in many exciting opportunities for young people in Wales. Pupils will also be given the opportunity to enrich their Welsh language skills and engage in Welsh culture by attending cultural visits.